

Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Regulatory Update

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What Is CAMA?

- **The Coastal Area Management Act, or CAMA, is the state law that balances development with environmental protection along North Carolina's coast.**



CAMA Permits

- You must obtain a CAMA permit for your project if it meets all of the following conditions:
 - it is in one of the 20 counties covered by CAMA;
 - it is considered "development" under CAMA;
 - it is in, or it affects, an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) established by the CRC;
 - it doesn't qualify for an exemption.



AECs Are Separated Into Four Broad Groupings

- **The Estuarine and Ocean System**
- **Ocean Hazard Areas**
- **Public Water Supplies**
- **Natural and Cultural Resource Areas**



You need a permit if you are undertaking development in an AEC:

- However, under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, Federal agency actions are exempt from the permitting requirements of a State's coastal program.



Federal CZMA Consistency

- These Federal agency actions anywhere within the coastal zone still must comply with the enforceable policies of the State's coastal program - even if those activities would not do fall within an Area of Environmental Concern.
- For more info, go to <http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net/Permits/consist.ht>



Wind Energy



Living Shorelines



Hurricane Irene Response

-Emergency General Permit
2500

-FEMA



Hurricane Irene Response

- NC 12, Hatteras Island



Hurricane Irene Response

-NC 12, Hatteras Island



Hurricane Irene Response

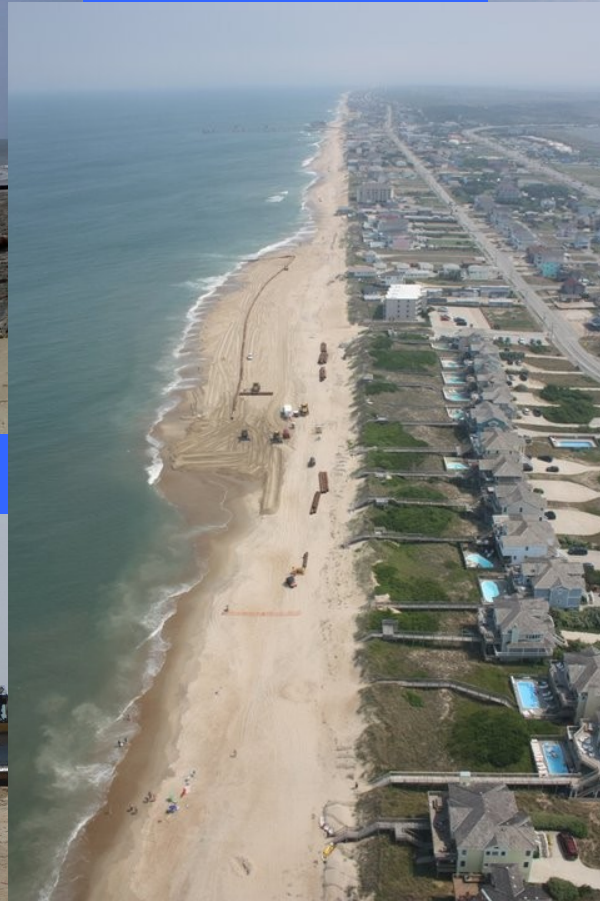
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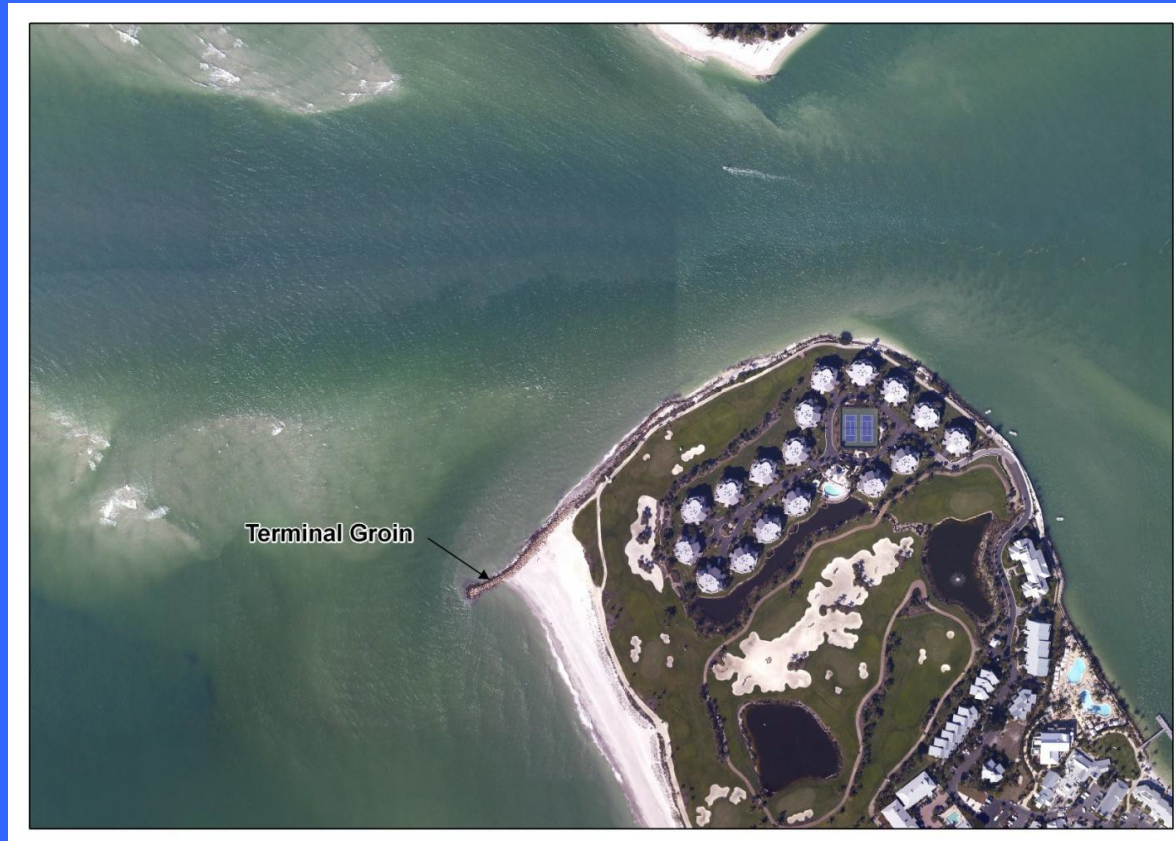
Sand Bags



Beach Nourishment



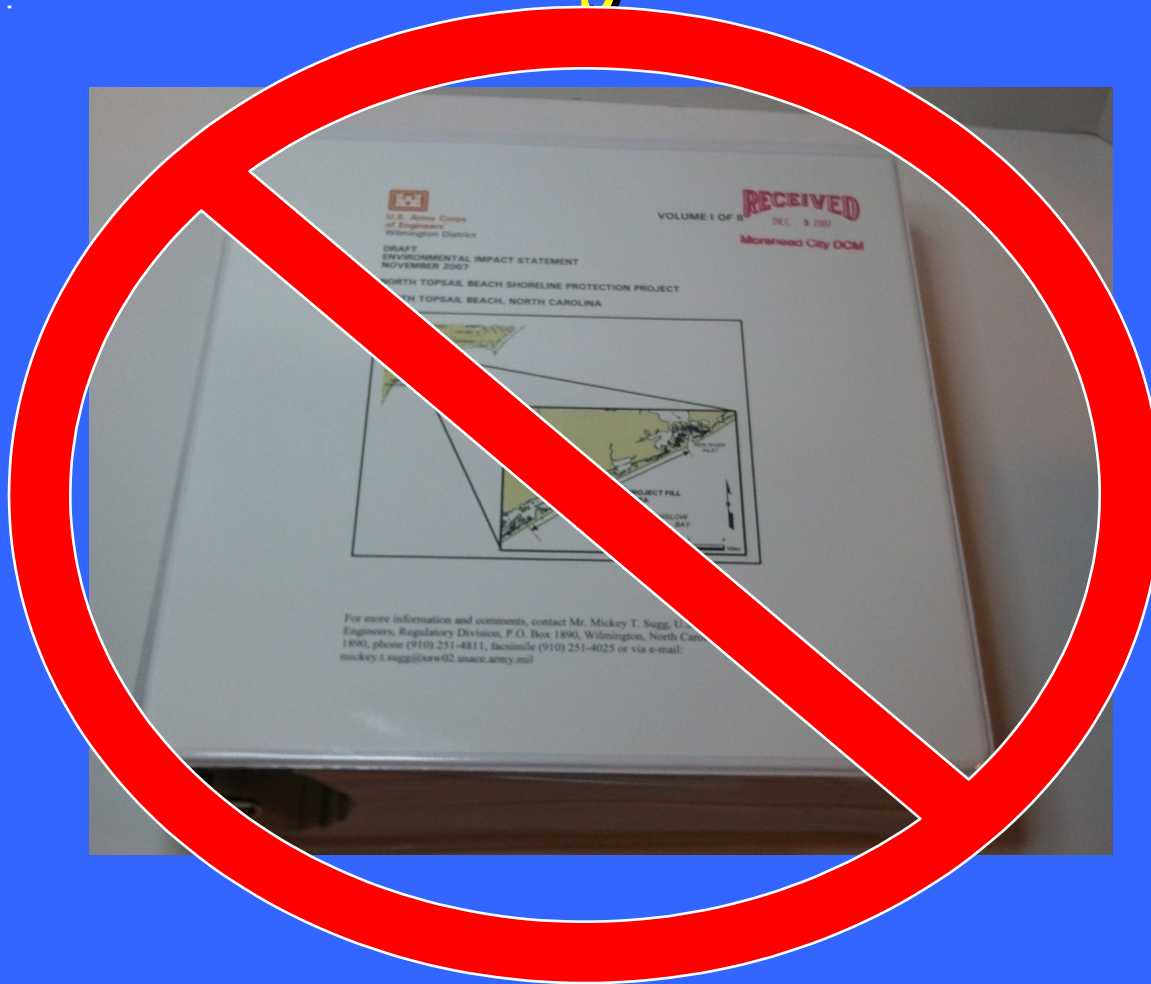
Terminal Groins



State Environmental Policy Act



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- Preventing Runoff Pollution
- Installation of Sand Barriers
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Storm information, Erosion and oceanfront development, Science Panel, more...

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